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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDE & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 180 & 184, Leadenhall Street.

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CHINA.—Macao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Swatow, CAMPBELL & Co. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Foochow, HEDEN & Co. Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH. Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and Country Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 18, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on Fixed Deposits:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 3 " 3 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue de la Harpe, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOMBAY, SAN FRANCISCO, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. ALEXANDER C. LEVYSOHN retired from our Firm in Hongkong and China on the 31st of December last, and Mr. LORENZ POESNECKER was admitted a PARTNER therein on the same day.

MR. JULIUS KRAMER has been authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procurator at OANON.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, October 11, 1879. no11

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. JOHN FAIRBAIRN in our Firm, here and in Yokohama, CEASED on the 31st March, 1879.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 6, 1879. no6

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER

AND

COMMISSION AGENT.

ALL GOODS intrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMBERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. C. BRAUN in our Firm, CEASED on the 23rd September A.O.

Mr. C. STIEBEL is authorized to SIGN our Firm.

REISS & Co.,

Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama.

Hongkong, October 3, 1879. ja3

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. 3cc80

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMF & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, awarded the

GOLD MEDAL AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION. DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX: Quarts, £17 per Case of 1 doz. Pints, £18 " " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21cc80

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DE EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 60, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1879.

For Sale.

FOR SALE,

EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

DEVOS'S NONPAREIL KEROSENE OIL (Certified 150° Fire Test). The New STUDENTS' READING LAMPS for Nonpareil Kerosene, (are perfectly Safe and give a Light equal to, but more mellow than Gas).

AMERICAN FLOOR OIL-CLOTH in New Patterns.

LIGNUM, the New FLOOR-CLOTH for Halls and surrounding Billiard Tables.

Royal IRISH CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.

COLT'S POCKET DERRINGER PISTOLS.

AMERICAN DINING-ROOM CHAIRS.

PERAMBULATORS. RIDING and DRIVING WHIPS.

BRIDLES. GARDENING TOOLS.

HORSE CLIPPERS. GUMSHAW TEA.

TODDY KETTLES. RUG STRAPS.

LAWN TENNIS SETS. PAINT BOXES.

PENKNIVES. RAZORS. SCISSORS.

SPONGES. PLAYING CARDS. PERFUMERY.

CHUBB'S CASH BOXES. NEW MEERSCHAUMS.

Well-Seasoned MANILA CIGARS and CHEROOTS.

UNDERSHIRTS and ASSORTED HOSIERY.

VEGETABLE, FLOWER and LAWN GRASS SEEDS.

New SCARFS, TIES, BRACES, &c.

WALKING STICKS and UMBRELLAS.

GOLDEN GATE BAKER'S EXTRA FLOUR.

Fresh HAMs and CHEESE. New HATS.

COIR DOOR MATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879. no1

ROSE AND COMPANY,

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD,

HAVE Received per FRENCH and ENGLISH MAILS, GLENAGLES, &c., Their NEW GOODS FOR THE SEASON; comprising:—Crewel CLOTHS, Crevail SILKS, Fancy WOOL WORK, SHETLAND, Single and Double BERLIN, and Fingering WOOLS.

Commenced Work in CUSHIONS, Fender STOOLS, Chair BACKS, SLIPPERS, Smoking CAPS, &c., &c.

The Latest NOVELTIES in French Flowers and Feathers.

Millinery SILKS, LACES, RIBBONS of every Shade and Width.

Muslin and Lisse PLATTINGS.

Torcheon LACE, Bretonne LACE, &c., &c.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's French Cambric Hemm'd stitched HANDKERCHIEFS.

Paris KID GLOVES in 2, 4 and 6 Buttons in White, Light Evening Shades, and Dark Shades.

By the Single Pair or in Tins.

Black and Colored SILK GLOVES in 2 and 4 Buttons.

Black LACE MITTRES.

A Good Assortment of Ladies' CORSETS.

The New "BRILLIANT" ROSE for Children from 0 Size to Size 6, in SKY BLUES, NAVY BLUES, CARDINALS, and PINKS.

Children's BOOTS and SHOES, in Great Variety.

The New BRAIDS, FRINGES, TRIMMINGS, &c., as now worn.

MILLINERY and DRESS-MAKING.

BLANKETS, SHEETINGS, Toilet QUILTS, Toilet COVERS.

Eider Down QUILTS, Turkish TOWELS, and TWILLINGS, Table CLOTHS, Table NAPKINS, Table COVERS, &c., &c.

The New CRETONNES, REPS and DAMASKS.

Lace CURTAINS, 72 inches Wide—By the Yard.

Gentlemen's Black Felt HATS, STRAW HATS, COLLARS and CUFFS.

Silk HOSE, Cotton, Thread, Merino and Cashmere SOCKS in great variety.

UNDER-VESTS and PANTS, Russian Calf and Kid GLOVES, TIES, SCARVES, &c., &c.

SHIRT and COLLAR STUDS and SETS, SOAPS and PERFUMERY.

Gentlemen's White SHIRTS, Best Quality with and without COLLARS.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's UMBRELLAS.

Black ALPACAS, Black French MERINOS.

Black CACHEMERES, Black SATINS, Colored SATINS.

Colored French MERINOS in all the new Shades, with Silks, Satins, and Velveteens to Match.

Piece VELVETS, in Black and all new Shades.

Black and Colored VELVETEENS.

N.B.—All Last Season's GOODS greatly reduced in Price.

NOTE the ADDRESS—ROSE AND COMPANY,

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD,

(Formerly next Door to the HONGKONG HOTEL).

Hongkong, October 22, 1879. no6

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH

BEG to intimate to all Desiring to Subscribe to ENGLISH, AMERICAN, FRENCH or GERMAN NEWSPAPERS or MAGAZINES for the Whole or Half of the Year 1880—that all Orders must be Received by the FIRST WEEK in November to insure their arrival. A Revised List is now ready and can be obtained on application. All Papers delivered immediately on receipt of Mail. Special Arrangements made with Clubs and Societies.

QUEEN'S ROAD,

Hongkong, October 17, 1879. cc31

NOTICE.

A RESIDENCE Wanted by the 31st Instant. The CAINE ROAD or that NEIGHBOURHOOD preferred.

Apply to

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879.

G. FALCONER & Co.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

AND

JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, October 20, 1879. no20

Intimations.

F. VINCENT,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION

MERCHANT AND STOREKEEPER,

HONGKONG.

BEGS to inform his Patrons and the Public generally that he has received a Large Assortment of

FRENCH WINES, LIQUORS, SPIRITS, and STORES of the BEST QUALITY (French Produce).

N.B.—F. V. is ready to supply at any of the Coast Ports, as well as in Hongkong, any quantity that may be required to suit Purchasers.

F. VINCENT,

No. 4, Peel Street.

Hongkong, October 10, 1879. no10

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND TO THE 30th JUNE, 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS from the 1st January, 1878, to the 30th June, 1879, in Order that the Portion of the NET PROFITS to be Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st OCTOBER NEXT will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. E. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1879. no1

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the Year ending December 31st 1878, and for the SIX MONTHS from January 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the Portion of PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, July 24, 1879. cc31

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A TENTH RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on 13th October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, 20th October.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 20th July, inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 1, 1879. no6

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. B. SPRATT & Co. have lately added a Extensive MACHINE SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former Advantages of these Docks.

The DIMENSIONS of the Dock are:—400 Feet, on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; Ordinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 Ft. Office, 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, October 4, 1879. 4cc80

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamer "EMUY," BLANCO, Master, shortly expected, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, October 25, 1879.

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship "ALBAY," Capt. F. ASHROX, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 28th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, October 23, 1879. cc28

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BRISBANE,"

will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 3rd Nov., at 2 p.m.

For Sale.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.,
BEG to announce the ARRIVAL of the following FIRST-CLASS
S T O R E S , &c.
 Ex "OCEANIC,"
 "LORD OF THE ISLES,"
 And Other Late Arrivals.

Finest California BUTTER in Rolls.
 Good Cooking BUTTER in Kegs.
 Fine Apple CHEESE.
 Limburg CHEESE.
 Sap Sage CHEESE.
 Prime Gilroy CHEESE.
 Fine Eastern HAMS.
 Fine Eastern BACON.
 Prime Smoked SALMON.
 Smoked HERRINGS.
 Boston MACKEREL.
 SALMON BELLIES.
 Family PIG PORK and BEEF in Kegs.
 Pickled OX-TONGUES.
 Boneless and Good Dry CODFISH.
 SAUERKRAUT in Kegs.
 Finest CAVIARE and SARDELLES.

Fresh APPLES.
 "No Plus Ultra" APPLE RINGS.
 HICKORY NUTS.
 PECAN NUTS.
 BRAZIL NUTS.
 PEANUTS.
 COMB HONEY in Frames.
 Pure Orange BLOSSOM HONEY.
 BROUGHAM'S TURKEY & TONGUE.
 Do. LUNCH TONGUE.
 Do. COMPRESSED HAM.
 L. McNEIL & LIBBY'S Compressed HAM.
 L. McNEIL & LIBBY'S Corned BEEF.
 L. McNEIL & LIBBY'S Compressed TONGUE.
 Green TURKISH, 1lb. and 2lb. tins.
 Boneless Spiced PIG'S FEET.
 Assorted Devilled MEATS.
 Baked PORK and BEANS.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER CAKES.
 CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s SODA BISCUITS.
 CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s OYST-TER CRACKERS.
 WATER BISCUITS per Pound.
 OATMEAL in Cakes.
 Fresh CORNMEAL.
 Cracked WHEAT.
 BUCK WHEAT.
 RYE FLOUR.
 HOMINY.

Cutting's Assorted JELLIES in Glass Pots.
 Cutting's Assorted DESSERT FRUITS.
 Do. QUEEN'S OLIVES.
 Do. PICKLED LIMES.
 Do. STUFFED PEPPERS.
 Do. ASPARAGUS.
 Do. Ass. Corned VEGETABLES.
 Do. Assorted PICKLES.
 Do. Assorted SAUCES.

White PEAS.
 Split PEAS.
 MESS' PORK and BEEF.
 BORDEN'S Condensed MILK (very fresh).
 &c., &c., &c.
 CROWSE & BLACKWELL'S
 HOUSEHOLD STORES.

MULSON'S
 Assorted German SAUSAGES.
 Do. Do. VEGETABLES.
 Long ASPARAGUS (very fine).

PHILIPPE & CANAUD'S
 SARDINES. Assorted PATES.

JOHN MOIR & SONS'
 Celebrated Family STORES.
 Game PIES, Veal and Ham PIES.
 Truffled SAUSAGES.
 Cambridge SAUSAGES.
 Bologna SAUSAGES.
 Pork SAUSAGES, SAVELOYS.
 SALMON OUTLETS (in Indian Sauce).
 HADDOCK ROES, Fried SOLES.
 Kipperd HERRINGS, BLOATERS.
 HERRINGS A LA SARDINE.
 OATMEAL, &c., &c.

BOOKS!
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BOOKS!!!
 The Latest and most Popular
 NOVELS,
 By FIRST-CLASS AUTHORS.
 DICTIONARIES,
 &c., &c., &c.
 "Cable Coll," "Perfection" and "Empress of India."
TOBACCO.
 Specially Selected CIGARS.
 Cavite CHEROOTS.
 Princess CHEROOTS.
 Cavite CIGARS.
 Princess CIGARS.
 Arcoeros CIGARS.
 Vegueros CIGARS.
 Choice No. 3 Melag CIGARS.
 Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

REVOLVERS & RIFLES.
 Brooch loading Central Fire FOWLING PIECES.
 Electro-Plated "British Bull Dog" REVOLVERS.
 SMITH AND WESSON'S REVOLVERS.
 COLT'S DERINGER PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.
 CARTRIDGES, &c., &c.
 Hongkong, October 15, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. ADAMSON, BELL & Co., to sell by Public Auction, (For account of whom it may concern),

TUESDAY,

the 11th of November next, (Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract.)

The British Barque

"CHOCOLA"

as she now lies at Anchor off Yow-Mah-TEE. She was built of Oak and Elm at NANTES in 1868, and is well and favorably known on this Coast. She is well found in Sails and Gear generally, has 2 BOWER ANCHORS, each with 100 fathoms Cable; also 1 SPARE ANCHOR and 2 KEDGES. She has been recently opened for survey, and is still open for inspection.

For further particulars, apply to Messrs. ADAMSON, BELL & Co., or to the Auctioneers.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

HUGHES & LEGGIE,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Oct. 11, 1879. no11

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE PROPERTY, SITUATE AT TAI-PING-SHAN, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, to be held on the Premises, on

SATURDAY,

the 15th day of November, 1879, at Noon,—

All those PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND registered in the Land Office as INLAND Lots Nos. 206, 241b, 241c, 242b, 262, 263, and 264, upon which TWENTY-TWO CHINESE HOUSES now stand, in Four Lots, under the Direction of the Mortgagee, pursuant to a Power of Sale reserved in his Indenture of Mortgage.

SALE LOT No. 1—

Consists of INLAND Lots Nos. 206 and 264, containing 5,637 Square Feet. There are NINE CHINESE HOUSES on these Lots, which produce a Monthly Rental of about \$118. The Crown Rent on the whole being \$29.50 per Annum. Inland Lots Nos. 206 and 264 are held for unexpired terms of 999 years each. Three of the above Houses face Tai-ping-shan Street, and are numbered 28, 30, and 32. Three other Houses are on Caine Road, and are numbered 33, 35, and 37, and the remaining Three Houses on Sui Hang Lane, and are numbered 7, 8, and 10.

SALE LOT No. 2—

Consists of INLAND Lot No. 263, containing 5,362 Square Feet, and comprising SIX CHINESE HOUSES, producing a Monthly Rental of about \$61. This Lot is held for an unexpired term of 75 years, which can be extended to 999 years. The Crown Rent is \$16.80 per Annum. The above-mentioned Houses face Sui Hang Lane, and are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. A Valuable Well of Water stands on this Lot.

SALE LOT No. 3—

Comprising INLAND Lots Nos. 241b and 241c, containing 1,700 Square Feet, upon which stands THREE CHINESE HOUSES, producing a Monthly Rental of about \$29. These Lots are held for unexpired terms of 75 years, which can be extended to 999 years. The aggregate Crown Rent is \$11.11 per Annum. The above Houses face Tai-ping-shan Street, and are numbered 22, 24, and 26.

SALE LOT No. 4—

Comprising INLAND Lots Nos. 242b and 262, containing 2,880 Square Feet, upon which there is standing FOUR CHINESE HOUSES, producing a Monthly Rental of about \$46. Inland Lot No. 242b is held for an unexpired term of 75 years, which can be extended to 999 years. Inland Lot No. 262 is held for an unexpired term of 999 years. The aggregate Crown Rent is \$6.96 per Annum. The above Houses face Tai-ping-shan Lane, and are numbered 5, 7, 9, and 11.

N.B.—Portion of the Purchase Money can be advanced by way of Mortgage on the Property at Moderate Rates. For further Particulars, and Conditions of Sale, apply to

Mr T. G. GLOVER, the Auctioneer, No. 7, Queen's Road; or, to Messrs. BRERETON and WOTTON, Solicitors, 29, Queen's Road. Hongkong, Oct. 22, 1879. no15

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES of GROUND close to the water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VAS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FIXTURES.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong. Hongkong, March 6, 1879. no1

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE!

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 28th October, at Noon, at his Auction

Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf,—

5 bales BLANKETS, assorted colors.

3 cases Aniline Dyes in Tins.

1 case Cotton-Towels.

15 cases Golden Gate Flour.

5 tin-lined Cases York Hams.

25 cases Kinahan's LL Whisky.

Champagne, Assorted Liqueurs, Chartreuse, Claret, Brandy, etc., etc.

100 boxes Stearine Candles.

200 boxes each 28-lbs. Yellow Soap.

2 cases Windsor Toilet Soap.

All Wool Fancy Flannel, Rep, Blue Navy Serge, Wool Mitts, Wool Scarves, Merino Undershirts, Tweeds, Doeskins, Meltons, Railway Rugs, etc., etc.

2 cases Gilt Buttons, assorted sizes.

15 cases American Clocks.

35 Lefauchaux Revolvers and Cartridges.

10 cases Tumblers.

6 cases Liqueur Glasses.

3 cases Sewing Cotton.

150 Alhambra Quilts.

3 cases Envelopes, assorted sizes.

Morton's Oilman's Stores.

12 coils 9 and 12 Thread Seizing Stuff.

15 coils Russian Rope, 3 stranded.

Hubbuck's Paints, assorted; and Turpentine.

And a Variety of Other GOODS.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Oct. 25, 1879. no28

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Hon'ble C. B. PLUNKET, to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 30th October, 1879, at 2 p.m. (owing to change of residence), at Fletcher's Buildings, No. 6, Queen's Road East,—

The whole of the

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

comprising:—

English-made Walnut Blue Rep-covered Drawing-room Suite. English-made

Walnut Centre Table and Davenport.

English-made Walnut Marble-top Cheffonier with Glass.

Conversation Couch, Ottoman, Vienna

Rocking Chair.

Chimney Glasses, Engravings, Carpets,

Heath Rugs, and Ornaments.

Teakwood Extension Dining Table,

Sideboard, and Side Table; Whatnots;

Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets;

Glass and Plated Ware.

Teakwood Bedstead, Wardrobe, and

Chest of Drawers.

English-made Mahogany Lady's Double-winged Wardrobe with Plated Glass

Doors.

English-made Mahogany Marble-top

Washstand and Toilet Table with Glass

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the

whole to be on view on and after Tues-

day, the 28th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Oct. 25, 1879. no30

To-days Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI (Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Company's Steamship "STENTOR," Capt. J. KIRKPATRICK, will be despatched at 5 p.m. TO-MORROW, the 28th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, October 27, 1879. no28

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Capt. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 30th Instant, at Day-light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPIRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, October 27, 1879. no30

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON VIA SAIGON.

The Steamship "RADNORSHIRE," DAVIES, Commander, expected here on or about the 14th Proximo, has room for about 700 tons Tea. She will call at Saigon for a part Cargo.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 27, 1879.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "SUMIDA MARU," FROM KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo Impeding the discharge or remaining on board after To-morrow, the 28th Instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' expense and risk.

MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. Co., 6, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, October 27, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

AUCTION OF ELEGANT AND SUBSTANTIAL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, A BROADWOOD'S PIANO, SEWING MACHINE, SUPERIOR OUT-GLASSWARE, DINER SERVICES, ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions from J. D. HUMPHREYS, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, over the Hongkong Dispensary, on

SATURDAY,

the 1st Nov., 1879, at 2 o'clock p.m.—

The whole of the

VALUABLE ENGLISH, AMERICAN, and CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE,

Comprising: Mahogany Drawing-room

Chairs, Couches, Ottoman, Cabinets,

Ladies' Chairs, Whatnots, Flower Stands,

Marble-top Side Tables, Inlaid Walnut

Work Table, Handsome Bohemian Vases;

Mahogany Cottage Piano, by Broadwood;

Canterbury, Mantel-piece Mirrors, En-

gravings, Window Curtains, Carpet,

Fender and Fire Irons, &c., &c.

Dining Table and Chairs, Arm Chairs,

Whatnots, Handsome Dinner Service

and Dessert Service, Very Superior

Electro-Plated Ware in Sets, Large Set

of Finest Cut-Glassware, Sideboard,

Rosewood Book Cases with Chubb's

Locks, Embroidered Screen, Kerosine

Lamps, Clock, Calcutta Matting, &c., &c.

Iron Tubular Bedsteads with Horse-

Hair and Spring Mattresses, Double

Hanging Wardrobes with Chubb's Locks,

American Walnut Toilet Tables and

Washstands, Toilet Mirrors, Sewing

Machine, Bed-room Chairs and Couches,

Mahogany Chests of Drawers, Cheval

Glass, Child's Cot, &c., &c.

Flower Pots, with Choice Plants, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the

whole to be on view on and after Fri-

day, the 31st Instant.

Hongkong, Oct. 27, 1879. no1



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON; VIA BOMBAY.

ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "GALLIOT," Capt. J. C. BAROT, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 8th November, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 27, 1879. no8

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF TOKIO" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th November, at 9 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the 11th November. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 27, 1879. no12

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Oct. 25, *Atalanta*, German steamer, 732, Petersen, Mantung Oct. 20, Salt—MEYER & Co.

Oct. 26, *Emeralda*, British steamer, 395, R. Talbot, Manila Oct. 23, General—RUSSELL & Co.

Oct. 26, *Chinkiang*, British steamer, 799, S. M. Orr, Shanghai Oct. 22, and Ningpo 23, General—STEWART & Co.

Oct. 26, *Amoy*, British steamer, from Canton.

Oct. 26, 7 p.m., *Sumida Maru*, Japanese steamer, 896, Hubnet, Yokohama Oct. 18, 4 p.m., and Kobe 21, 4 a.m., General—MITSU BISHI M. S. S. Co.

Oct. 27, *Emu*, Spanish steamer, 222, Blanco, Manila Oct. 24, General—REYNOLDS & Co.

Oct. 27, *Stentor*, British steamer, 1804, Kirkpatrick, Liverpool Sept. 9, via

by 258 votes.—Mr W. W. Caglin, late of the Japanese service, is a candidate for Barnstable.

Ten S. S. Mainan. Captain Connor, reported in our Saturday's issue as having broken her main shaft, arrived here this morning in tow of the steam-tug *Fame*. The accident occurred on the 22nd inst., about twenty miles from St. John's Bay, and the ship at once headed for that anchorage under canvas. While there the S. S. *Washi* passed and brought on a letter to Messrs Russell & Co., her agents here, who despatched the *Fame* to her assistance. On Thursday, at one o'clock p.m., Mr Hertton, a passenger on board, left the disabled vessel in a boat with five of a crew and arrived here by way of Macao yesterday morning. The *Fame* picked up the *Mainan* about 5 a.m. yesterday morning, and it must be noted as a creditable bit of towing, in that the disabled craft was moored in this harbour twenty-four hours after having been attached.

In proof of the hint given by the *Straits Times* some months ago in regard to the chances of Mr Pope Hennessy securing a seat in the House of Commons for his native County, that paper now quotes the paragraph about the "loud cheers for Pope Hennessy" appearing in an Irish paper in a report of a banquet given by the Mayor of Cork on the 20th August, and published here lately, as bearing out the "evidence of his popularity in Cork—that stronghold of advanced opinions." Our Singapore contemporary adds:—

The Hongkong public need not be surprised if, at the next general election, Mr Pope Hennessy be returned a member for Cork County. In Ireland electors have a strange propensity to return as members popular men even though absent from the country, without consulting them, and free of all expense, too.

The following important telegrams are from the *Straits Times*:

London, Oct. 15.—At a Cabinet Council held yesterday it was resolved to have recourse to preventive measures if the South African Press continue to inveigh against Sir Garnet Wolseley's policy.

London, Oct. 15.—In Iowa and Ohio the State elections have been carried by the Republicans by an increased majority.

London, Oct. 17.—Sir Garnet Wolseley has intimated to the Board, who declare that Independence alone will satisfy them, that the Government's policy of annexation is irrevocable.

London, Oct. 17.—There have been disastrous floods in Spain; 300 persons are reported drowned.

The Germans are rapidly making their way in Rangoon and Moulemein; the *Rangoon Gazette* thinks in a few years the Burman trade will be monopolized by Germans and Chinese.

The *Rangoon Gazette* says:—"The feeling prevailing among British subjects in Mandalay is one of uneasiness, an apprehension existing since Colonel Brown's departure that some crisis is close at hand. This is, perhaps, not to be wondered at, when it is well understood that, with the exception of the Kinwun Menges, all the Ministers have lost their heads (query figuratively or literally); and matters, we fear, will not be improved as soon as the Afghan news reaches them."

The *(N. O. Daily News)* hears that, to prevent delay in crossing the Woonung Bar outwards, the steamer *Loudoun Castle*, shortly expected from Japan, will not come up to Shanghai, but will receive her cargo from this port at Woonung, consisting of, we believe, nearly 1,000 tons of tea. The same paper mentioning that the M. M. steamer *Yang Tse* is obliged to leave for Woonung on Wednesday next, in order to avoid certain detention at the Bar, if loaded at Shanghai, asks:—"When will our seemingly almost inert Chamber of Commerce move in this matter? Does it really intend doing anything at all in regard to the removal of this fast-growing obstacle to the trade of this, the principal port in North-China? Or, do certain grave rumours (which we forbear mentioning at present) really form the basis of such censurable inaction?"

The *Batavia Handelsblad* of the 20th ult. says:—"By the mail before last there arrived here a Chinese man from Hongkong, he being an envoy from the Chinese Government to the Netherlands Government, in order, it is said, to enter into relations in the interest of a possible establishment of Chinese steam communication with these countries. Originally two envoys were sent from China provided with the proper powers and credentials, and a recommendation to H.E. the Governor-General from the Netherlands representative at Hongkong. The Chinese gentlemen, however, first stopped ashore at Singapore, and lodged there in the Hotel d'Europe, where, unfortunately, they were robbed not only of all their papers but also a considerable amount in ready money and bills. In consequence of this robbery, one of the envoys immediately took passage for Hongkong to provide himself with fresh papers and money. These gentlemen will, as soon as possible, pay their respects to the Governor-General. In the meantime they have been provided with recommendations to a mercantile firm here, to which the only member of the embassy who has arrived paid his respects yesterday."—*Shanghai Daily News*.

The *Times* has been reading us another homily on Anglo-Indian morality. It is in the shape of a letter, dated from Simla, and its plain speaking is calculated to cause no small stir in Indian society. One would not have been surprised to see such an article in the *World*, or *Family Tree*, but such free handling of one of the most delicate subjects that can be discussed in a newspaper is rarely to be found in the columns of the *Times*.—*London Cor. Times*.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

YEARLY MEETING.
The ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the above Society was held at the head-office this afternoon (27th), for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors, together with statements of accounts for the year 1878, and for the half-year ending 30th June last. Hon. P. Ryrie presided, and there were also present—Hon. W. Keswick, and Messrs Sassoon, Hoppins, Dalrymple, A. P. McEwen, Bellios, Cox, Williamson, Anton, Rolens, Blackwell, J. Remedios, Mossy, Bottomley, Mehta, and N. J. Ede, Secretary.

The advertisement convening the meeting having been read,
The Chairman said they had met there to-day to pass the accounts for 1878. The report had been before the shareholders for some time, and as, he presumed, they would consider it a satisfactory one, he did not think it required any remarks from him. He only expressed the hope that the Society would go on doing as well as it had done in 1878. He would therefore propose that the report, which embodied the payment of a final dividend to the shareholders and another bonus to contributors, with accounts attached, be adopted by this meeting.

Mr Bellios seconded the motion, which was passed.
The re-election of the two retiring directors, Messrs. H. Hoppins and H. B. Gibb, was moved by Mr Rolens, seconded by Mr Anton and carried.

The re-election of Messrs. Cox and Innes as auditors was proposed by Mr Bottomley, seconded by Mr Remedios and carried.
On the motion of Mr Bellios, a vote of thanks was awarded by acclamation to the Chairman and Board of Directors for the able manner in which they have ruled the Company.

On the motion of Mr Mehta, a vote of thanks was added to the Secretary, Mr Ede, for his able and earnest services.

There was no other business before the meeting.

SUICIDE BY OPIUM POISONING.

INQUEST.
An inquest was held at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon, on the body of a woman named Ng Asz, before the Coroner, C. V. Creagh, Esq., and the following gentlemen as a Jury,—Messrs A. J. Lewis, J. A. Ahlman, and F. A. M. Linde.

Dr. Wharry, Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, said:—The body of deceased was brought in at about 7.15 a.m. yesterday. I examined it to-day. It had been dead about 24 hours. It is that of a Chinese female about twenty-three years of age, well nourished. There are no marks of violence on the body and the external appearances are those of death from opium. I opened the body and tested the contents of the stomach and found traces of opium. Death resulted from opium poisoning. The internal organs appeared to be sound.

Tang Shui Shan, an oil painter, said deceased had been his concubine for about twelve months, and lived at No. 1 Stanley Street. She was formerly a prostitute in a city brothel. On the evening of the 25th inst. he was informed that deceased was sick. He saw she was quite stupid and gave her duck's blood, which caused her to vomit. Opium was observed in what was ejected from the stomach. She appeared to get better, and when asked why she had taken opium, she laughed and said a devil had tempted her. A relapse took place and she died soon after 5 o'clock a.m. of the 26th inst. A report was made to the police and the body was removed to the Hospital. She did not enjoy good health, but never threatened to witness to take opium. About ten days ago her manner was very curious, often laughing without any apparent cause. Witness thought her mind was affected, but did not say anything.

Tsan Atau, a widow who lived in the same house, corroborated last witness as to the woman having been getting crazed. She said also that deceased was always well treated by last witness.

P. C. 10, W. Baker, who took the body to the Hospital, proved finding a cup containing opium under the bed.
Inspector T. Grey said he had made every endeavour to find out where the opium had been purchased but had not succeeded.
The Jury returned a verdict of "suicide while in an unsound state of mind."

HOME NEWS IN ADVANCE OF FRENCH MAIL.

We have been courteously favoured with a glance at the *London and China Express* of Sept. 19th, from which we summarize the following scraps of news:—

Mr S. Baring Gould, writing to the *United Service Gazette*, states that Admiral Ryder, "a scrupulous stickler for rules," was not only indirectly responsible for the murder of Mr Birch at Perak, in that he ordered twenty-four naval rifles sent to the Resident by Commander Bruce (S. S. *Fly*) to be returned, thus leaving the Residency unprotected—but that the gallant Admiral has besides been the cause of an injustice being done to Captain Bruce and his crew. It appears that, although Capt. Bruce was thanked for his services, the crew cannot share in the reward of the Perak campaign on account of the so-called breach of instructions in lending the Perak Residency the twenty-four rifles. This is reasonably described as monstrous; and so it is.

Admiral Keith Stewart died on the 15th Sept. He was engaged in the capture of a portion of Canton (1836), at Fatsien (1857), and at Namtow (1858). He commanded the first division of the Naval Brigade at the attack of Canton in December 1857; and for his distinguished services in China he was nominated a C.B., with China war medals.

The General Council of French Guiana has resolved by eleven to three to resume next year the importation of Coolies from China and Tonkin, as also to promote the settlement of French planters in the Colony.

The Jute of Northern China is spoken of as a possible rival in Germany to the East Indian material. Bremen will be the place of import from China.

It is under consideration by the Russians to colonize the Chinese frontier by Siberian Cossacks.
At the Tea sales in Mincing Lane there was an active demand at higher prices, and a further advance was anticipated (Sept. 19).

the statistical position of the article being unusually strong.

The steamer *Romulus* has left Glasgow with a general cargo for the Straits and Hongkong, including machinery for the China Sugar Refining Company.

Mr W. L. Tapp, Registrar of Shipping at Shanghai, has got a six-months' extension of leave.

The *Daily News* contains an article in which the alleged irregularities of the Gaol in Hongkong, which Mr Pope Hennessy has exposed, are commented on. Flogging is admitted to be perhaps necessary, on account of the specially criminal nature of the Chinese population of the Island who require a firm treatment; but it is stated that as yet it has not been shown why the Hongkong criminal should not be amenable to humane methods of discipline.

The steamer *Syria* arrived in London on the 13th Sept., and the steamer *Glennier* on the 14th, both from Hongkong. The *Black Watch* reached London from Hongkong on 14th Sept.

The steamer *Bengal* left London on the 12th Sept., and the *Achilles* left Liverpool on the 16th. The *Hyla* left Penarth, and the *Carmelita* and *Ida* left Ouxhaven, on the 13th Sept.

The passengers by the next M. M. str. *Djemah* for Hongkong are: Mr Hughes, Mrs Morken, Mrs Middleton, Mr and Mrs Alex. Leith. To Shanghai—Messrs Meudal, Sherer, Prinzel, Bortolazzi, and G. Glas, Mr and Mrs Picton.

Passengers per M. M. steamer *Orus*, from Marseilles Oct. 19—To Hongkong, Mr and Mrs Chas. Cohen, Mr and Mrs Mangor.

From Venice to Hongkong, per *Peshawar* (Southampton 2nd Oct.), Mr J. Mackenzie.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ADMIRALTY.
(Before the Chief Justice Sir John Smale, and Capt. Thomsett, R.N., and Capt. McMurdo, Marine Surveyor, Nautical Assessors.)

Monday, Oct. 27.

DAMAGES FOR A JUNK RUN DOWN.

SIN KING LOY—Promoveit.
C. RABEN—Impugnait.

Hon. J. Russell, Acting Queen's Advocate, instructed by Mr E. Sharp, appeared for the Promoveit; Mr Haylar, Q.C., instructed by Messrs Brereton and Wotton, for the Impugnait.

The Court gave decision in this case to-day.

The Chief Justice, addressing the assessors, and remarking on the Court having neither the aptitude nor the experience to grapple with the nautical points of the case, said they had given great and earnest attention to the facts and circumstances as laid before them in the statements, and by the questions they had asked had thrown much light upon the subject which in their absence the Court would not have had. The warrant of arrest in this case was most meagre, simply arresting and detaining the barque *Gustav* to secure to the Loy Hop certain alleged damages caused by the collision. The case was gone on with on the Preliminary Acts without pleadings or any specific issues. He had now to submit the following issues to them as assessors:—

1. Did they find that a collision occurred on the 21st September and that the result was the total loss of the Loy Hop?—Yes.
2. Did the Loy Hop do anything, and if so what, to occasion or contribute to the collision?—Nothing.
3. Did the *Gustav* do anything, and if so what to occasion or contribute to the collision?—The evidence is contradictory; but taking either the allegation of the promoveit or that of the impugnait as being correct, the *Gustav* occasioned the collision, for either as a following ship or as a ship on the port tack with a vessel on the starboard tack it was her bounden duty to keep out of the way of the Loy Hop.
4. Did they find the collision solely due to the mismanagement of either or to the mismanagement of both?—Solely due to the mismanagement of the *Gustav*.
5. Did they find either solely blameable or both?—We find the *Gustav* solely blameable.

His Lordship then referring again to the fact of this case having been tried by consent of parties on the Preliminary Acts, addressing the Counsel in the case, said that while this course was a useful one as saving expense it was an undesirable course because the parties had it in their power to distract the Court from the real issues of the case by raising all possible bye-questions, and made it high impossible for the Court to satisfy itself that it had gathered up all the points necessary and was justified in leaving out all the points it had considered not necessary. There had been no particular difficulty in this case from this reason, but the Court in future would be very reluctant to hear any case on the Preliminary Acts unless the Counsel engaged could settle between them and have reduced to writing what were the specific issues to be tried. The Court had had the assistance of Capt. Thomsett and Capt. McMurdo, than whom no more experienced Assessors could be found. He now pronounced the finding of the Court that the *Gustav* was solely to blame for the collision; that the Loy Hop was not to blame; and that the loss of the Loy Hop arose solely from the misconduct of the *Gustav*.

The usual order was then made to the Registrar and merchants to assess the damage done, and for the amount of damage they found, with costs, decree would be granted. The Court then rose.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir John Smale.)
Monday, Oct. 27.

This was an adjourned sitting of the Court to pass sentence on two prisoners, one for kidnapping a boy and the other for detaining a young girl with intent to sell her.

The Chief Justice now passed sentence on Tang A-tim. After stating the crime of which he had been convicted, of unlawfully taking away a boy 4 years old (1st) with intent to deprive the father of the boy, (2nd) with intent to sell him, and (3rd) with intent to procure a ransom, His Lordship said that the prisoner's case was one of gross ingratitude. Resolved as he had been in the father's house in charity he availed himself of the opportunity to steal his child, and tried to sell the child openly, probably having lured him from door to door. The sentence of the Court on you, Tang A-tim, is

that you be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for two years, and that you be kept in solitary confinement for a period of one week in every two months of your imprisonment.

The Chief Justice then passed sentence on Chan A-chit, an old woman convicted of having unlawfully detained a female child of about 11 years of age with intent to sell her.

His Lordship said that the evidence in this case had shown the extraordinary extent to which, under cloak of Chinese custom, the iniquity of dealing in children had extended. From the evidence he had no doubt that a vagabond classman to whom the father had occasionally given out of his pence had originated the crime in entangling the child away, and it seemed to him to be clear that the prisoner was as well known as a "broker of mankind" as a receiver of stolen children, to sell them on commission, as the receivers of old iron and marine stores, to be found in this Colony to dispose of stolen property. The little girl bought and sold, aged 11 years, is a very intelligent child and described the negotiations for her sale with great clearness. I questioned her and I quote from the *China Mail* what is, I think, an accurate report of what was said:—

The little girl, Achening, out of whose sale and purchase this prosecution had arisen, described the woman who was in the dock as "a buyer and seller of people." In reply to the Court she explained that she used this term because she had seen this same woman hawking about children for sale.

His Lordship: How often?

Witness: Several times.

His Lordship: You are a very young girl. How do you come to know anything of this buying and selling of people?

Witness: I have seen it.

His Lordship: How many times have you seen people hawking children and others about for sale?

Witness: Often, and different men and women too.

His Lordship: And this is a British Colony? Witness, let me, in reply to His Lordship, say she had learned the expression "broker of mankind" from her uncle. She knew the police here and that they protected all persons; but she did not call in any help from that quarter, when she saw them on the street, as her uncle taught her not to.

His Lordship said he had thought at first that the expression "broker of mankind" was an uncommon one in Hongkong, but now he was coming to believe it was not.

Let me here ask,—Is the trade or rather profession "Broker of mankind" also a sacred Chinese custom. I will not add the queries which would naturally arise in case the question were answered in the affirmative. At present, however, I must say that, custom or no custom, the practices of this profession are prohibited by statute and it is my duty to meet its exercise by punishment. The sentence of the Court on you, Chan A-chit, is that you be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for two years and that you be kept in solitary confinement for a period of one week in every two months of your imprisonment. I am very sorry to have to sentence an old woman of your age in this way, but there must be an example.

I have now disposed of the cases of child-stealing at these monthly sessions. The cases sentenced at last month's were three. They have been on the increase in the Colony. As I have before said, crime seems to come over the Colony like high tides periodically. The present tide is of stealing women and children. The excess of these crimes roused my serious attention to the whole state of slavery as it exists in the Colony, which led to the observations which I made on the 8th instant in closing the sessions for September last. I have, with a solemn sense of my responsibility, considered and reconsidered all that I then said, and there is nothing I wish to retract. There may be aspects of the question which it may be necessary for me to reluctantly add, but at present I do not wish from the Bench to add to what I have said although there are considerations affecting this question which I have offered where it was proper. I rest shortly on the summary of eight propositions with which I concluded these observations as the result of the facts and arguments I adduced.

I will now very briefly allude to the petition by the gentry, traders and people of Hongkong presented to His Excellency the Governor. I must say that its composition and tone do credit to whoever drew it up. The statements appear to me to be to one-sided and coloured, but on the whole more fair than is usual with persons who believe they are representing grievances. I am bound to add that the strictures on myself are seemingly. I am quite sure that such a tone will be the most effectual with H. E. the Governor, and with the Government in England, and with that great public there, whose moral tone influences the current of thought throughout the British Empire for good. The petitioners rest their rights on the proclamation of Governor Sir Charles Elliot, but the petitioners ignore the other proclamations of 1841. They especially ignore the proclamation of January 1845, by which Slavery was declared to be absolutely abolished in Hongkong, which, as they have referred to my observations, they must have read, if there only for the first time. I cannot help alluding to one passage in the petition; it says:—"Amongst the Chinese there has hitherto been the custom of drowning their daughters. If a step is put to the sale the custom will be yet more observed;" and again to the third of the ten arguments used, which says:—"In China among the evils heretofore existing in the Kwang Tung province more especially are numbers of the extreme poor cannot support even themselves with raiment and food; these added cares brought by children enue; these people having no one to relieve their poverty from them will immediately bring forth their children to be drowned;" and the petitioners threaten the increase of this "custom" of drowning children if their sale is put down. I quote the passages without the interpolated explanations of the translator, which is his comments, and nothing more. Now this petition claims the liberty to continue to bring and selling children and women because it is a Chinese custom expressly protected by Governor Elliot's proclamation; but the petitioners call drowning female infants also a Chinese custom. They place the two crimes according to the English law under the same category "custom" and therefore in effect claim for infanticide that it is free from criminality in Hongkong. I can only say that in a father, mother or relative were convicted of infanticide, Chinese custom would be of no avail, unless I am grievously mistaken, the presiding Judge would have no alternative but to sentence the perpetrator to death, and the only possible hope would be in the mercy of the Crown.

If exercised by H. E. the Governor. Other errors are patent in the petition, but I confine myself to the remarks I have made.

I had prepared what I have just said before I had seen the letter, which appears in the *Daily Press* of this morning, in which the accuracy of the translation is impugned, whilst the translator vindicates it. Leaving this new question for settlement between these writers I note that the meaning or use of the word "custom" in the petition is not impugned. My observations, therefore, remain untouched by the controversy; no one questions that the word "custom," as used in the petition, is used as to "slavery," or whatever name the petitioners may decide to designate it by is the same word "custom" by them applied to the usage of relatives drowning their infant children, and that in fact it is not in law, the one custom is tolerated just as the other custom is tolerated, and both alike or neither must be claimed as sanctioned by Governor Elliot's Proclamation. Beyond what I have already said I will not deal with the facts or arguments of the petitioners. Indeed it seems to me to be my duty to retire from all controversy. To enter on the arena of controversy is beyond my province. It was my duty—thinking that I had found out grave evils—to say so. My function as Judge stops there; it is for the statesman and the legislator to deal with the matter as an evil to be tolerated or to be put down. I will only add that if it be decided the evil is to be tolerated, as I expect will be the decision, I do not desire any sudden or violent intervention with such of the transactions in the past as are within the favourable colouring of the petitioners. Such a course would on many grounds be objectionable. I trust that admitted grave wrong in the past still existing will be put an end to. I do do that as to the future a new order of things will be inaugurated and that the law of this Colony will be enforced in favour of personal liberty as fully as in the protection of property. I must here repeat that by the Common Law of England, which happily is the law of Hongkong, slavery of every kind whatever, all property in human beings, as is asserted by Lord Mansfield, odious to English law, is a public wrong. For every wrong the law has a remedy. Is there not by Common Law for every public wrong a public remedy; is not the only remedy by indictment or information wherever and whenever the law provides no other remedy? All remedies which ever existed by Common Law or by statute in England up to 1845 against ownership of human beings against every form of slavery, extend by their own proper force and authority to Hongkong, and, it that were not enough, all English laws applicable to Hongkong, including those against ownership in human beings were by express Ordinances of 1845 and 12 of 1878 embodied into the laws of Hongkong, whilst the worst forms of slavery are especially punished by Ordinances 4 of 1865 and 2 of 1875. I am bound by most solemn obligation to enforce all these laws. I must, therefore, without fear, favour or affection, discharge this duty to the best of my ability.

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THE BRITISH WITHDRAW FROM MANDALAY IN TOTO.

The following telegram from the Press Commissioner of India, dated Simla 7th October, 7 p.m., appears in the *Rangoon papers*:

Since the departure from Mandalay of Colonel Brown towards the end of August the rumours received of the position of the British officers left at the Residency have been growing less and less satisfactory. The behaviour of the Burmese officials, amounting in some instances to studied discourtesy, the temper of the King and Court party, and the isolation to which the Residency were reduced by espionage, have combined to render it impossible, not only the continuance of the forms of diplomatic relations, but even the transaction of the current routine business connected with British interests at the place. These circumstances, added to the continuance within the palace of those barbarities which Mr Shaw formally protested, and the gradual rise of the influence of the Court party adverse to the British, rendered the maintenance of a British representative at the Court not only useless, but actually disadvantageous. The Government of India therefore resolved to direct Mr St. Barbe to take an early opportunity of withdrawing the whole British establishment and escort. They accordingly embarked without molestation on board a steamer at Mandalay on the evening of the 6th of October. All quiet at Mandalay. Due notice had been given to Bhamo and to British subjects at Mandalay.

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 56 1/2 prem. sale.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,350.
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,325, sale.
North China Ins. Co., \$1,125, buyers.
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,725, buyers.
Chinese Insurance Co., \$300, sale.
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$800, sale.
China Fire Ins. Co., \$200, buyers.
H.K. & W. Doak Co., \$11 prem.
H.K. & W. Doak Co., \$11 prem.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$11 prem.
China Coal & Steam, \$11, 93.
Hongkong Gas Co., \$70.
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65.
China Sugar Refining Co., \$165, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal days in solitary confinement, the rest with

hard labour, and to be exposed for six hours in the stocks at No. 8 Police Station.

KIDNAPING A BOY.

The charge of kidnapping a boy and stealing a jacket and a pair of trousers, preferred against Hung Akan, and remanded from Saturday last, was again on to-day, the Magistrate who heard it on Saturday, Mr Plunket, desiring to confer with his brother Magistrate before dealing with it one way or other. The whole case having been fully gone through, no new aspect or point of interest occurring, the Magistrates dismissed the case. The evidence was fully reported in our Saturday night's issue.

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STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 1st November,
1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
YANGTSE, Commandant PELLEGRI, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and
CARGO, will leave this Port for the above
places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 1st October, 1879. (Parcels are not to
be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 20, 1879.

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NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agree-
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DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for
the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st Decem-
ber 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT.
ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED,
payable at our Office on and after the
15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in
particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI
during the Summer Months, leaving
Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and
returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Albay	5 h	F. Ashton	Brit.	str.	366	Oct. 28	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Tamsui, &c.
Amoy	4 c	Drawes	Brit.	str.	814	Oct. 26	Stemmen & Co.	Shanghai
Atalanta	3 h	Petersen	Ger.	str.	782	Oct. 25	Meyer & Co.	Saloon
Bellona	3 c	Ahrens	Ger.	str.	789	Oct. 23	Meyer & Co.	Swatow
Bombay	2 h		Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwak Acheong	
Chinkiang	5 c	Orr	Brit.	str.	799	Oct. 26	Stemmen & Co.	Canton
Dale	2 h	Thompson	Brit.	str.	644	Oct. 21	Fuon Fat Hong	Bangkok
Douglas	5 h	Young	Brit.	str.	864	Oct. 26	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports
Emu	5 c	Blanco	Span.	str.	222	Oct. 27	Remedios & Co.	Amoy and Manila
Emeralda	5 h	Talbot	Brit.	str.	395	Oct. 26	Russell & Co.	Amoy
Fame	6 h	Stopani	Brit.	str.	117		C. K. & W'pon Dock Co.	Fog Plym
Hae-shin.	4 c	Gibbon	Chi.	str.	864	Oct. 27	M. S. N. Co.	Soibow
Hainan		Conner	Amer.	str.	189	Oct. 27	Russell & Co.	Bohow
Kiungchow	2 h	Love	Brit.	str.	1709	Oct. 23	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Bohow
Malacca	5 k	Smith	Brit.	str.	606	May 31	Kwok Acheong	Yokohama
Norna		Love	Brit.	str.	971	Oct. 4	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	
Ocean	4 k	Webber	Brit.	str.	783	Oct. 25	Landstein & Co.	Australian Ports
Olympia	5 c	Nagel	Ger.	str.	48	Mar. 25	China Traders' Insurance Co.	
Sea Gull	3 k	Haydon	Amer.	str.	1304	Oct. 27	Butterfield & Swire	Amoy & Shanghai
Stentor	4 c	Kirkpatrick	Brit.	str.	896	Oct. 26	Mitsu Bishi M. S. S. Co.	Yokohama via Kob.
Sumida Maru	4 c	Habinet	Japan.	str.	265	Oct. 24	Landstein & Co.	Halphong
Washi	5 h	Huatter	Brit.	str.	782	Oct. 16	Stemmen & Co.	
Yangtze		Schultze	Brit.	str.				
Sailing Vessels								
Alexander Yeats	3 c	Dunham	Canad.	sh.	1598	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
Aida	4 k	Biot	Ger.	bg.	850	Oct. 22	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Hamburg
Alva		Soiza	Port.	sh.	632	Aug. 31	Brandao & Co.	Bombay
Annie S. Hall	4 c	Nelson	Am.bkttas.		455	Oct. 23	Wieler & Co.	
Burg. van Middelburg	5 k	Blanken	Dutch	bq.	602	Sept. 30	Stemmen & Co.	Saloon
Belle of Oregon	7 c	Merriman	Amer.	bq.	1168	Oct. 6	Captain	Portland
Canton	2 c	Kundson	Siam.	sh.	779	Oct. 16	Chinese	
Chateaubriand		Leroy	Foh.	bq.	387	Sept. 21	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai
Chocola	4 k	Kennett	Brit.	bq.	284	July 21	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Co'stan
Emerald Isle	8 c	Staples	Amer.	sh.	1696	Oct. 20	Vogel & Co.	For Sale
Ernest	4 k	Herve	Foh.	bq.	390	Oct. 13	Landstein & Co.	
Florida Star	4 k	Davidson	Brit. Sm.co.		244	Oct. 12	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Halphong
Genie Brown	4 k	v. Trumbach	Ger.	bq.	402	Oct. 3	Wieler & Co.	
Glamorganshire		Angear	Brit.	bq.	457	Sept. 21	Vogel & Co.	New York
Gustav	4 k	Raben	Ger.	bq.	656	Sept. 22	Stemmen & Co.	Hollo
Hans	3 k	Le Mout	Ger.	bq.	310	Sept. 11	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg
Harrington	4 c	Porter	Brit.	bq.	672	Oct. 6	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Bangkok
Hazel Holme	3 k	Millican	Brit.	bq.	405	Oct. 20	Vogel & Co.	
Highlander	4 k	Hutchinson	Amer.	sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel & Co.	
J. A. Borland	4 c	Kent	Amer.	bq.	670	July 26	Vogel & Co.	New York
Jules Dufaure	4 k	Willigen	Brit.	bq.	434	Aug. 20	fan Keng Ho	
Lizzie	2 k	Hellon	Brit. Sm.co.		233	Oct. 18	Wieler & Co.	Singapore
Lota	1 c	Dudfield	Brit.	bq.	472	Oct. 23	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London
Lucky	2 c	Soderstrom	Siam.	bq.	424	Oct. 8	Chinese	Hamburg
Mangerton	3 k	Thompson	Brit.	bq.	330	Sept. 26	Carlowitz & Co.	
Norseman	1 h	etterson	Siam.	sh.	711	Oct. 12	Fuon Fat Hong	
Palto	3 k	Christiansen	Ger.	bq.	261	Oct. 10	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
Race Horse	2 k	Tehmoyer	Siam.	bq.	387	Oct. 19	Stemmen & Co.	
San Lorenzo	4 k	Vidarte	Span.	sch.	250	Oct. 12	Remedios & Co.	
Southern Cross	7 h	Gibbs	Amer.	sh.	1129	Oct. 15	Captain	
Spartan	3 k	Vincent	Amer.	sch.	81	Aug. 27	W. H. Ray	
Star of China	7 c	Blaker	Brit.	sh.	794	Aug. 28	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	London
Sumatra	3 k	Olongh	Amer.	sh.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.	
Tai Lee	4 k	Stebr	Ger.	bq.	256	Oct. 2	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	London
Toowoomba	7 c	Kirkpatrick	Brit.	bq.	685	Aug. 25	Vogel & Co.	London
Triton	4 k	Kallsen	Ger.	bq.	568	Aug. 21	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg
Twilight	3 k	Watland	Amer.	sh.	1303	Sept. 14	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	
Victory	4 k	Whiting	Brit.	bg.	255	Oct. 18	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Bangkok
WHAMPOA								
Beethoven		Haje	Ger.	bq.	340	Oct. 23	Melchers & Co.	Hamburg
Davina		Scott	Brit.	bq.	425	Oct. 27	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London
Charlitz		Gautier	Foh.	bq.	255	Oct. 11	Carlowitz & Co.	
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